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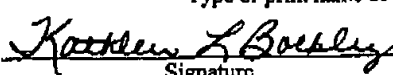
## PATENT

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AMENDMENT

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This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2004, with a shortened statutory period set to expire on December 9, 2004. This paper is filed within the set period for response such that no extension of time is necessary.

Please consider the following amendments and/or remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.